Electronic Filing of Workers' Compensation Claims for DoD Personnel

DoD Injury and Unemployment Compensation Branch, DCPAS

Bottom Line Up Front

- The component of the DoD Injury and Unemployment Compensation System (DIUCS) related to electronic filing and transmission of injury compensation claims is being replaced by the Department of Labor's Employees' Compensation Operations & Management Portal (ECOMP).

Definitions

- **Defense Injury and Unemployment Compensation System (DIUCS)** – The DoD enterprise application used for electronic filing of worker's compensation claims, claims management, and reporting and business intelligence for worker's compensation data.
- **Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)** – The method of claim transmission currently utilized by the DIUCS application.
- **Employees' Compensation Operations & Management Portal (ECOMP)** – Web based application developed by Department of Labor (DOL) for use by Federal agencies in the electronic filing of workers' compensation claims.

Claims Submission

- A 2011 Department of Labor regulation (at 76 FR 37903) requires agencies to submit worker's compensation claims electronically by December 31, 2012, wherever feasible.

- DoD's current EDI process, implemented in 2003, utilizes DCPAS assets to facilitate the submission of claims to DOL and troubleshoot any problems that arise.

- ECOMP application utilizes DOL assets to facilitate the claim submission to DOL and troubleshoot any problems that arise.
  - ECOMP is provided free of charge to government agencies.

Advantages of ECOMP

- Provides DOL claim file numbers in as little as 20 minutes.
- Allows DoD personnel to track supervisory completion of the form.
- Provides for the capability to electronically file more types of claims forms.
- Provides real time access to electronic claim documents.

Next Steps

- Phased-in implementation of ECOMP.
  - Working out issues with DoD IT community – firewall, emails
- Work with components and DOL to train users on the use of ECOMP.
- Assignment of licenses that permit access to electronic case files.
  - Ensuring that Privacy Act issues are addressed